Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

Whereas, Robert L. Bockorny, a native of Howard, South Dakota, and a Vietnam War Veteran, is retiring after a 27-year career in law enforcement—24 of those years serving the citizens of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, After serving 3 years as a certified officer at the State Prison in Huntsville, Alabama, Bob returned to his home state, serving 8 years as a corrections officer at the South Dakota State Penitentiary; and,

Whereas, Bob then transferred to the Brookings County Sheriff's Department to serve as their first jail administrator and deputy, developing their work release program, writing policy and procedure manuals, making public presentations, hiring and training staff, overseeing the jail remodel project, and managing all aspects of the operation of the jail; and,

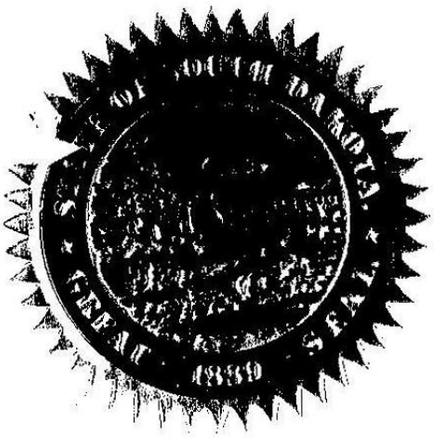
Whereas, The last 8 years of Bob's law enforcement career were spent at the Minnehaha Sheriff's Department as corrections officer and certified officer, working in the courthouse, transporting prisoners, and watching over hospitalized prisoners; and,

Whereas, Bob will retire on August 11, 2009, allowing him more time for his family, fishing, and traveling, and it is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan for his distinguished law enforcement career:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 11, 2009, as

ROBERT L. BOCKORNY DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family, friends, and colleagues in wishing him a fulfilling and happy retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State